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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The response of 10/19/2005 was received and considered.
2. Claims 3-8 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
4. Regarding the cited art in general, Laursen teaches correlating a device ID and a sub #, where the device ID is associated with the sub # to provide access to information via a mobile device. The device ID is specific to the mobile device and the sub # is specific to a user, where the device ID provides the sub #, which then provides an index to user information, accessible to the mobile device. Laursen does not disclose multiple devices associated with a personal ID or user. However, Carlsson teaches that it is beneficial to associate multiple terminals with an account to allow a user to use any device based on his account information.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,065,120 to Laursen et al. (**Laursen**) in view of U.S. Patent 6,253,074 to Carlsson et al. (**Carlsson**).

Regarding claims 3-8, Laursen discloses a storage media, which stores for each user, terminal ID/device ID (Fig. 2b, #140 & col. 8, lines 9-12), a personal ID/subscriber ID (Fig. 2b, #142), and personal information of the user/username (Fig. 2b, #143), each terminal ID uniquely assigned to each communication terminal used by the user, the personal ID being uniquely assigned to the user, the personal ID being correlated with the terminal ID (Fig. 2b), the personal information being correlated with the personal ID (Fig. 2b), and authenticating means (Fig. 5a) for allowing the user access to the personal information correlated with the personal ID of the user (Fig. 2b) by retrieving the personal ID stored in the storage media based on a received communication terminal ID of the communication terminal of the user and identifying the user attempting to access an information source (col. 13, lines 28-63). Laursen lacks the media storing a plurality of terminal IDs for each user, wherein the personal ID is correlated with each of the plurality of communication terminal IDs. However, Carlsson teaches that it would be a distinct advantage for a cellular user to be able to pick up any available cellular terminal and received calls based upon his own subscription (col. 2, lines 5-8 & col. 6, lines 61-67) by allowing several terminals to access a single account (col. 2, lines 54-59). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Laursen to include a plurality of terminal IDs for each user, associated with a personal ID/subscriber ID. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a

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modification to allow multiple devices to be associated with a single account, as taught by Carlsson (col. 2, lines 5-8, 54-59 & col. 6, lines 61-67).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Simitoski whose telephone number is (571) 272-3841. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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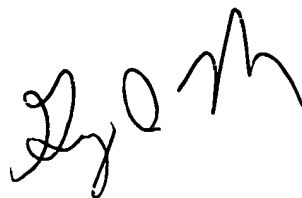
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